

MINUTES OF TTF CG MEETING
AS AMENDED

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TTF CG) was held on March 24, 2004. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Jane Lawton OCA (240) 777-3724

Pat Hanehan MCPS (301) 279-3609

Steve Batterden DPW&T (240) 777-6063

Helen Xu DTS (240) 777-2804

Carlton Gilbert M-NCPPC (301) 495-4576

STAFF

Robert Hunnicutt CTC (410) 964-5700

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OTHER ATTENDEES

Ed Donohue Cole, Raywid for T-Mobile

Cee Cee Middlebrooks Velocitel for Cingular

Doug Hebard Velocitel for Cingular

Steve Weber T-Mobile

Mike Budde T-Mobile

Brian Bolt T-Mobile

Jeff Ott Nextel

David Orphanides T-Mobile

Discussion Item - Group Participation: Jane Lawton asked the Tower Coordinator to contact the representatives from WSSC and the County OMB office to determine who would be participating in future meetings.

Discussion Item - Meeting Minutes: Pat Hanehan moved the minutes be approved as written. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. T-Mobile application to install nine 54" panel antennas at the 150' level on the side of the 153' Aldon building located at 8200 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda (Application #200403-01).
2. T-Mobile application to attach nine 54" panel antennas to the penthouse walls at the 55' level atop an existing 42' building located at 11900 Parklawn Drive in Bethesda (Application #200403-03).
3. T-Mobile application to install nine 54" panel antennas at the 50' level on the penthouse on the 40' Core building located at 12800 Middlebrook Road in Germantown (Application #200403-04).
4. T-Mobile application to install three 54" panel antennas at the 58' level on the support columns of an existing bell tower at St. Patrick's Church located at 4101 Norbeck Road in Rockville (Application #200403-05).
5. Cingular Wireless application to attach six 48" panel antennas on the roof at the 135' level and on the penthouse walls at the 160' level on the 125' Claridge House Apartments located at 2445 Lyttonsville Road in Silver Spring (Application #200403-07).

7. T-Mobile application to attach nine 72" panel antennas at the 147' level on the 150' Milestone monopole located at Ridge Road & Shakespeare Boulevard in Germantown (Application #200403-10).

8. T-Mobile application to attach nine 54" panel antennas at the 103' level on the 128' Argyle Country Club monopole located at 14600 Argyle Club Road in Silver Spring (Application #200403-12).

Bob Hunnicutt asked that item 6 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that the consent agenda items be recommended. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and the applications were approved, with Pat Hanehan abstaining on item #5.

Action Item: Cingular Wireless application to attach six dual band 48" panel antennas on the penthouse walls at the 82' level and sled mounted on the roof at the 73' level of the 65' Americana Finnmark Condominium building located at 9900 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring (Application #200403-08).

Bob Hunnicutt explained that he asked to have this application pulled from the consent agenda because the Cingular representative had advised him of changes to the location of the equipment. He stated that Cingular representative, Cee Cee Middlebrooks, was at today's meeting to explain these changes.

Ms. Middlebrooks stated that the condo owner had changed his mind regarding the original plan to place the equipment alongside the building. She noted that the equipment would now be placed on the roof near the sled-mounted antennas, and the antenna locations would remain as shown on the drawings.

Jane Lawton asked about the size of the equipment area. Ms. Middlebrooks replied that it would be on a 10' x 20' area of the roof.

Motion: Pat Hanehan moved the application be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was approved, with Pat Hanehan abstaining.

Action Item: Cingular Wireless application to attach six 48" panel antennas at the 115' level of the 125' Barnhart property monopole located at Hawkins Creamery Road & Laytonsville Road in Gaithersburg (Application #200403-06).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application. He reminded the group that the original application for this Barnhart property site (AT&T #200105-01) had been very controversial and a number of residents had attended the TTFCG review meeting. He noted that the points of interest for this monopole involved the location on the property with respect to a large wooded area, the height of the monopole because of its proximity to the Davis Airport, and the general appearance of the monopole in this rural community.

Ed Donohue added that although the TTFCG had suggested a tree monopole for this site, the residents had rejected that idea.

Mr. Hunnicutt noted that after the Special Exception had been approved, a letter from Mr. Copely had raised additional concerns about the site and complained about the removal of some large trees to make room for the equipment compound. Mr. Hunnicutt noted that a second hearing on this siting had been held, and the Board of Appeals had asked the Department of Permitting Services to inspect the site to ensure that the Special Exception conditions had been met. Mr. Hunnicutt noted that one of the conditions was that co-locators were required to use a low profile or "T-arm" attachment for the antennas. Consequently, his recommendation for this application was conditioned on Cingular meeting the conditions for the "T-arm" or low-profile attachment. He distributed a photograph of a "T-arm" attachment along with specification cut sheets. He added that this application stated that the method of attachment had not yet been determined.

Motion: Steve Batterden moved the application be recommended. Helen Xu seconded the motion and it was approved with Pat Hanehan abstaining.

Action Item: Cingular Wireless application to attach six 48" panel antennas at the 160' level on the 190' Clement property monopole located at 25217 Peach Tree Road in Clarksburg (Application #200403-09).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application and noted that this application had also had a subsequent Board of

Appeals hearing after the Special Exception had been granted. The first Board of Appeals hearing had initially conditioned the monopole being constructed in a "tree" design. Cingular had objected to the stealth design condition, noting it was not appropriate due to the 190' height of the monopole, and the Board had agreed. An adjacent property owner had expressed other concerns about the siting, and a subsequent hearing was held on those matters. During the second hearing, the Board placed several conditions on the monopole, including 1) painting the top of the monopole white, 2) co-locators should use a low-profile or "T-arm" attachment, 3) cables from the ground to the antennas are to be placed inside the monopole, and 4) climbing steps to be positioned so as to minimize their appearance. Mr. Hunnicutt stated that because of these conditions, his recommendation was conditioned on Cingular meeting the Special Exception conditions. He also noted that according to the Tower Coordinator's records, the owners of the both the property and the monopole had changed since the Special Exception had been granted; consequently, his recommendation was also conditioned on Cingular notifying the Board of Appeals of the change in Special Exception holder information.

Jane Lawton stated that pursuant to a Board of Appeals decision last year, the property owner and the structure owner had to be identified as co-holders of the Special Exception. Ed Donohue stated that he believed that was only the case for a new Special Exception filed after the date of the Board's decision. Ms. Lawton asked Mr. Hunnicutt to contact the Board to determine the requirements for changes regarding the Special Exception holder information, and whether the property owner, the structure owner, or both owners had to be identified as co-holders.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the application be recommended. Pat Hanehan seconded the motion and it was approved, with Pat Hanehan abstaining.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to attach nine 72" panel antennas at the 109' level on the 175' Knights of Columbus monopole located at 17001 Overhill Road in Gaithersburg (Application #200403-11).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application and noted that his recommendation was conditioned on T-Mobile advising the Board of Appeals of the name change of the monopole owner. The group discussed whether the Board needed notification of change in the landowner or the structure owner. There were also questions regarding whether Spectrasite owned the structures or simply managed them for the owner. Ms. Lawton stated that for this application, she believed it was appropriate for T-Mobile to advise the Board of Appeals of the change in ownership of the structure.

In response to a comment that Board of Appeals notification was not a significant factor for the TTFCG, Ms. Lawton replied that she believed it was significant and that it was a matter the group had been asked to ensure the carriers addressed prior to recommending an application. She stated the Board of Appeals wishes to correctly identify the land and structure owners, and had asked the TTFCG to maintain this information in the TTFCG database. She added that she believed it is important for the applicants to be aware of this requirement so as to ensure the accuracy of their applications. She noted that the TTFCG records should reflect any administrative changes made by the Board of Appeals.

Motion: Pat Hanehan moved the application be recommended conditioned on T-Mobile notifying the Board of Appeals of the change in structure ownership. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to attach three 54" panel antennas on a support pole enclosed within a shroud at the 51' level of the 35' University Gardens building located at 440 University Boulevard in Silver Spring (Application #200403-13).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application and noted that it would require a Special Exception because the building height did not meet the 50' height requirement for this residential zone.

The group commended T-Mobile's stealth design for this site.

Motion: Steve Batterden moved the application be recommended. Helen Xu seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item - Planning Organization Presentation: Jane Lawton stated that she recently spoke before a group of community planners in Colorado regarding the importance of considering wireless antenna facilities in

their community planning. She noted that in Colorado there was a great deal of interest in the aesthetic appearance of antennas and towers. She stated that a major concern from that group had been how to encourage carriers to co-locate. She said she had been pleased to report how successful the Montgomery County process has been regarding co-location. She said she told the group that when the TTFCG first started there had been some carrier resistance to co-location, but now their focus appears to be on co-location, and she believed this was due in part to the efforts of the TTFCG. She added that the City of Denver had adopted a pro-stealth siting policy, which approved any stealth application and denied any non-stealth application.

Discussion Item - WiFi Antennas: Jane Lawton mentioned that with the spread of WiFi antennas throughout the County, the group may wish to consider recommending an amendment to the zoning text for WiFi antennas to be permitted by-right.

The next meeting of the TTFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room #225 of the COB.